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FOURTH CITY EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO BRIBERY

RE: UNITED STATES v. BORYS YAKOWYNA

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today that Borys Yakowyna, age 50, of Webster, New York, has pleaded guilty in front of United States District Court Judge Charles J. Siragusa to receiving kickbacks, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1012, which carries a maximum sentence of 1 year imprisonment, a \$100,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who is handling the case, stated that Yakowyna worked as a rehabilitation specialist for the City of Rochester. He administered programs known as the LEAD and EACH programs. These programs were funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Yakowyna

admitted that during the years 1997 through 2004 contractors kicked back small amounts of money to him and performed services for no cost at his home.

The conviction was the culmination of an joint investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Peter Ahearn, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Ruth Ritzema, and the United States Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of William E. Kezer.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 1, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in front of Judge Siragusa.

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